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1. SINCE OUR FINAL ESTIMATE ON THE VOTE ON A MOTION TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO WAS 11-10-2 WITH ONE ABSENT, THE YUGOSLAV DECISION TO ABSTAIN WAS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE. ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAVS, SPEAKING IN CONFIDENCE, WERE RELATIVELY FORTHCOMING IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NORWEGIANS AND AUSTRALIANS IN THE DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPECTED VOTE IN THE C-24 ON POSTPONEMENT, THEY REFUSED TO DISCUSS THEIR POSITION DURING THE LAST DAY WHEN THE NORWEGIANS AND CUBANS WERE IN THE FINAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE C-24 CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. THE AUSTRALIANS AND NORWEGIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US THAT THE YUGOSLAVS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED THEIR POSITION WHICH WOULD HAVE WIPED OUT OUR ONE-VOTE MARGIN, AND AMBASSADOR SHERER THEN CHECKED WITH DEPUTY PERMREP MUJEZINOVIC WHO INFORMED HIM IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT THE YUGOSLAV MISSION HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN.

2. THE NORWEGIANS AND AUSTRALIANS SPECULATED THAT THE
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YUGOSLAVS MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO HELP THE CUBANS BY

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